

In the claims:

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to recite the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" to clarify that the compositions of these claims and claims dependent thereupon are limited to the specified materials and those that do not materially affect the basic characteristics of the claimed invention.

Claim 63 has been added for similar reason.

Claims are cancelled without prejudice.



What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A dry bowel cleansing composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of from about 10 to 50% by weight of a water-soluble uncoated phosphate powder comprising dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and monobasic sodium phosphate and from about 50 to 90% by weight of water-soluble polyethylene glycol (PEG)[[,]] powder based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate[[,]] ~~and containing no additional electrolytes for counterbalancing electrolyte loss during use.~~

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the sodium phosphate powder is dibasic sodium phosphate.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the sodium phosphate powder is a mixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and monobasic sodium phosphate.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 40% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 60 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 40% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 60 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 3, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 40% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 60 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 30% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 70 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 30% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 70 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 3, wherein the composition contains from about 20 to 30% by weight sodium phosphate powder and from about 70 to 80% by weight PEG, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A single dosage of a dry bowel cleansing composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of from about 5 grams to 45 grams of a water-soluble uncoated phosphate powder comprising dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and monobasic sodium phosphate, and from about 45 grams to 130 grams water-soluble PEG powder ~~[[,]] and containing no additional electrolytes for counterbalancing electrolyte loss during use.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A single dosage of the composition of claim 13, comprising from about 10 grams to 30 grams of phosphate powder and from about 45 grams to 70 grams PEG.

15. (Currently Amended) A single dosage of the composition of claim 14, comprising from about 15 grams to 25 grams of phosphate powder and from about 55 grams to 65 grams PEG.

16. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 13, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

17. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 14, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

18. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 15, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

19. (Previously Presented) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 13, dissolved in at least one pint of an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 14, dissolved in at least one pint of an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage according to claim 15, dissolved in at least one pint of an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure.

22. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage of a composition according to claim 13, dissolved in an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure and while maintaining a clear liquid diet.

23. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage of a composition according to claim 14, dissolved in an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure and while maintaining a clear liquid diet.

24. (Original) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering at least one dosage of a composition according to claim 15, dissolved in an aqueous medium, within the 36 hour period preceding the procedure and while maintaining a clear liquid diet.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering before the procedure at least two spaced dosages of a composition according to claim 13, each dissolved in or taken with ~~at least one quart~~ 1 to 1.5 quarts of an aqueous medium.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering before the procedure at least two spaced dosages of a composition according to claim 14, each dissolved in or taken with ~~at least one quart~~ 1 to 1.5 quarts of an aqueous medium.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for cleansing the bowel prior to a medical or surgical procedure comprising orally administering before the procedure at least two spaced dosages of a composition according to claim 15, each dissolved in or taken with ~~at least one quart~~ 1 to 1.5 quarts of an aqueous medium.

28. (Previously Presented) A single dosage of a dry bowel cleansing composition according to Claim 4, comprising from 5 grams to 45 grams of the phosphate powder comprising dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and

monobasic sodium phosphate, and from 45 grams to 130 grams of the PEG, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

29. (Previously Presented) A single dosage of the composition of claim 28, comprising from 10 grams to 30 grams of phosphate powder and from 45 grams to 70 grams PEG, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

30. (Previously Presented) A single dosage of the composition of claim 29, comprising from 15 grams to 25 grams of phosphate powder and from 55 grams to 65 grams PEG, dissolved in an aqueous medium.

31. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition according to claim 13, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

32. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition according to claim 14, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

33. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition according to claim 15, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

34. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition according to claim 28, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

35. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition

according to claim 29, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

36. (Currently Amended) A bowel cleansing kit comprising separately one or more packeted dosages of a dry composition according to claim 30, one or more clear liquid diet powders, and optionally a flavor pack or other adjuvant.

37. (Previously Presented) A liquid bowel cleansing composition comprising from 10 to 50% by weight of dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and monobasic sodium phosphate dissolved in from 50 to 90% by weight water-miscible polyethylene glycol (PEG) which is a liquid at room temperature, based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate.

38. (Original) The composition of claim 37, wherein the sodium phosphate is dibasic sodium phosphate.

39. (Original) The composition of claim 38, wherein the sodium phosphate is a mixture of dibasic sodium phosphate and monobasic sodium phosphate.

40. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 37, wherein the sodium phosphate is added to the PEG as a powder.

41. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 37, combined with an aqueous medium.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

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54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein no more than two dosages are administered.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein no more than two dosages are administered.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein no more than two dosages are administered.

57. (New) The method of claim 16 further comprising orally administering a bowel stimulant with the dosage.

58. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising orally administering a bowel stimulant with the dosage.

59. (New) The method of claim 18 further comprising orally administering a bowel stimulant with the dosage.

60. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the stimulant is bisacodyl.

61. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein the stimulant is bisacodyl.

62. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the stimulant is bisacodyl.

63. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising active ingredients for safely and effectively cleansing the bowel, wherein



the active ingredients consist of a water-soluble polyethylene glycol (PEG) powder and a water-soluble uncoated sodium phosphate powder comprising dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic sodium phosphate with monobasic sodium phosphate; and wherein the phosphate powder is present in an amount of from about 10 to 50% by weight and the PEG is present in an amount of from about 50 to 90% by weight, based on the combined weight of the PEG and phosphate powders.

64. (New) A single dosage of the dry bowel cleansing composition of claim 63, wherein the phosphate powder is present in an amount of from about 5 grams to 45 grams, and the PEG powder is present in an amount of from about 45 grams to 130 grams.

65. (New) A dry bowel cleansing composition comprising from about 10% to 50% by weight of a water-soluble uncoated phosphate powder comprising dibasic sodium phosphate or an admixture of dibasic and mono basic sodium phosphate powder and from about 50% to 90% by weight of water-soluble PEG powder based on the combined weight of PEG and phosphate powders, and containing no supplemental electrolytes.

66. (New) A single dosage of the dry bowel cleansing composition of claim 65, wherein the phosphate powder is present in an amount of from about 5 grams to 45 grams and the PEG powder is present in an amount of from about 45 grams to 130 grams.